

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to FIG. 15.

Attachment: Replacement sheet
 Annotated sheet showing changes

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application, of which claim 7 has been amended. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner has objected to FIG. 15 for not being labeled "Prior Art." Accordingly, FIG. 15 has been so corrected.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by JP 2000-285782 to Kazunari et al. (hereafter "Kazunari et al.").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kazunari et al. disclose an electromagnetic relay. A movable contact piece 21 and a fixed contact piece 25 are press fitted into the press fitting grooves of an electromagnetic block 10 from the side to form a contact mechanism part, and a regulating spring 30 is pressed thereto from the side and vertically arranged in an insulating space 14. A card 40 is slidably fitted to the upper ends of first, second and third insulating walls of the electromagnetic block 10. A coil is excited by the application of a voltage so as to generate a magnetic flux canceling the magnetic flux of a permanent magnet 52. According to this a movable block 50 is rotated against the magnetic force of the permanent magnet 52, and the lower end of a movable iron piece 51 is attracted to a yoke. Therefore, the card 40 slides horizontally against the spring force of the regulating spring 30. Consequently, a movable contact 22 touches and separates from a fixed contact 26.

The Examiner has urged that the top part of movable contact piece (spring) 21 has a U-shaped hook.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. FIG. 4 shows spring 21 having a trapezoidal-shaped "upper bed edge (21a)" and a traveling contact 22 having a dome-shape, as shown in FIG. 6(b). No portion of spring 21 is shaped like a U-shaped hook, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application.

Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 7 has been allowed.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-7, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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FIG. 15
Prior Art

